

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

402.07E

Covering an Opening in a Structure

Discipline: Salvage
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Replaces: Firefighter Benchmark #54

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I. Objective

The firefighter will select from an assortment of materials provided for covering an opening in a structure. The firefighter will properly cover the identified opening to secure the structure.

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

You will select the appropriate material(s) from an assortment of materials provided and properly cover the openings to secure the identified structure. You will begin on my instruction to start. The skill will end when you state to me that you have completed all of the identified steps. Do you understand these instructions?

III. Examiner's Note

The firefighter will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing.

IV. Preparation & Equipment

- A. Hammer
- B. Nails, assortment
- C. Plywood
- D. Heavy plastic
- E. Roofing/tar paper
- F. Heavy-duty roofing knife

Note: The firefighter shall accomplish the skills wearing "FULL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING FOR STRUCTURAL FIREFIGHTER" as required by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection to include helmet, gloves, coat, trousers, boots, and eye protection. Firefighter will not be required to wear SCBA.

V. Reference Sources

- A. TCFP, Performance Standards, Section 107-8.00
- B. NFPA, National Fire Protection Agency 1001 3-3.13(b)
- C. IFSTA Salvage & Overhaul, 7th Edition pages 211-216
- D. IFSTA, Essentials of Fire Fighting, 4th Edition, page 595

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Name:	Officer #:
Evaluator:	Officer #:
Date:	Location:

If the firefighter:

(No partial points given)

Doors or windows:

- a) Selects plywood, heavy plastic, or similar material to keep rain out 1.0 _____
- b) Uses a sufficient amount of material to cover the opening completely
to keep out the elements..... 1.0 _____
- c) Tacks the edges down to close the opening completely 1.0 _____

Roofs:

- a) Selects plywood, roofing paper, or tar paper 1.0 _____
- b) Uses a sufficient amount of material to cover the opening completely
to keep out the elements..... 1.0 _____
- c) Uses appropriate nails..... 1.0 _____
- d) Tacks the edges down with laths to secure the roofing/tar paper 1.0 _____

Floors:

- a) Selects plywood 1.0 _____
- b) Uses a sufficient amount of material to cover the opening completely
to keep out the elements..... 1.0 _____
- c) Uses appropriate nails..... 1.0 _____

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
10	7	First			
		Second			
		Third			